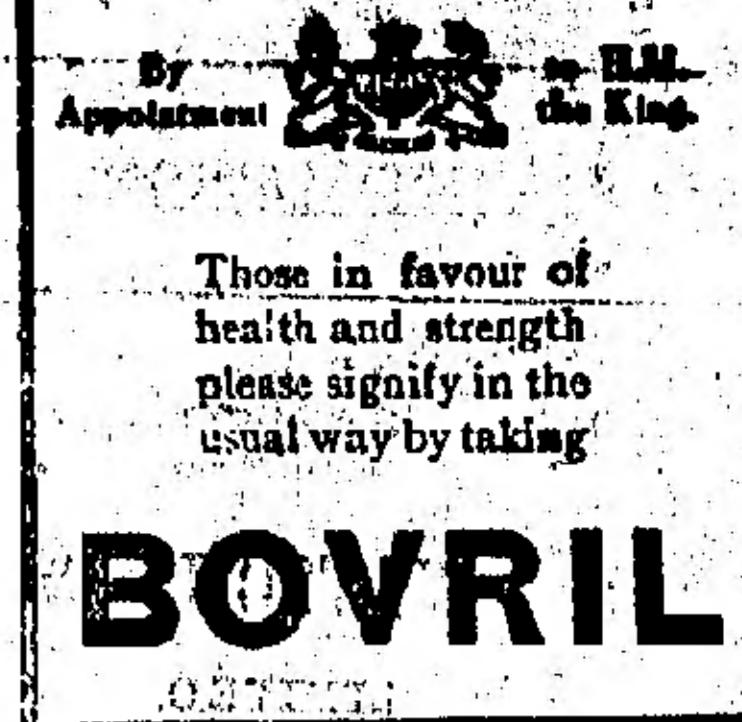


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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 29TH, 1909.

THE telegraphic information which we  
published yesterday to the effect that the  
British Admiralty contemplated the reduc-  
tion of the Channel Fleet and the creation  
of a new North Sea Fleet is significant  
of the greater consideration which is at  
present being given to the defence of Great  
Britain. The proposed redistribution of the  
fleets need not be regarded as a threat to  
any particular country, nor need it be  
deemed an attempt to appease the alarmists  
who continually point to the possibility of  
invasion. There are good reasons—powerful  
commercial reasons—for refusing to be-  
lieve in the likelihood of any of the leading  
nations of Europe coming to blows, and a  
dispassionate review of the circumstances  
will prove beyond doubt that the prospective  
re-arrangement of the fleets is dictated by  
purely naval considerations and not by a  
desire to antagonise Germany or still further  
encourage the feeling which is expressed in  
the term Anglophobia. When we recollect  
all the efforts that have been made and are  
being made to promote a better under-  
standing between the two nations, the  
interchange of visits of representative people,  
and—most important of all—the proposed  
visit of King EDWARD to Germany, there  
can be little doubt that there is a real  
and genuine wish in both Germany and  
Britain that the relations between them  
should be of the most cordial nature,

and that nothing should be allowed to  
interrupt the progress of two of the leaders  
in the march of civilisation. Some who are  
eager to stir up strife may seize upon this  
project as a threat to Germany, but it is no  
more directed towards that Power than the  
institution of the Volunteer movement or  
the formation of the Territorial Army.  
Naval conditions are always changing.  
Great Britain is no longer the only power  
on the sea. Other navies have arisen  
and naturally they are not without  
their effect on British naval policy.  
Generally speaking, the re-distribution  
indicated is only a continuation of the  
policy enunciated under a Conservative  
Administration when the establishment  
of a naval base at Rosyth in the Firth of Forth  
was decided. That proposition, when first  
made public, aroused some criticism in  
Germany, but, after all, there could be no  
disguising the fact that the project was only  
a belated recognition of an imperative need  
that had long existed. For years it has  
been felt that the Scottish coasts were  
inadequately protected, and the creation of  
a base in the northern kingdom, while  
justified by naval considerations, might  
also be regarded as a concession to  
Scottish demands for a share of the  
work done at naval centres, which  
was previously a monopoly of England.  
To remove this weakness in the scheme  
for the defence of Britain is not only  
advisable but absolutely necessary, if greater  
security against possible attacks is desired,  
and no one will deny the right of Great  
Britain to make the disposition of her navy  
which will offer the highest degree of protec-  
tion. All the other countries of Europe  
look well to their frontiers not because they  
are afraid that their neighbours are anxious  
to strike at any particular place, but be-  
cause it is part of their respective schemes  
of defence. In like manner it may be  
conceded that Great Britain, although she  
has no frontiers marching with those of  
other countries, is justified in looking to the  
defence of her coasts. On the other hand  
we have little sympathy with those alarmists  
who surround themselves with fear at every  
new movement on the part of some Con-  
tinental power. Such demonstrations  
suggest cowardice, and their effect, if allow-  
ed to become general, would not only make  
Britons the laughing stock of the Continent,  
but would also encourage the contingency  
they are so anxious to avert. An overweening  
confidence is not advisable, neither is  
panic. As we suggested at the outset, there  
are, apart from purely military considera-  
tions, good reasons why war is not likely to  
eventuate. The commercial interests of  
both countries are so great, and have so  
much in common that they would not  
readily suffer to take place the dislocation  
of trade and commerce which would be a  
co-relative of any outbreak of hostilities  
among the greater Powers of Europe.  
Ostensibly the issue lies in other hands, but  
we know full well that with such a com-  
munity of commercial interests nothing  
untoward will be allowed to happen. The  
naval expert may have his opinion as to  
whether the proposed arrangement, owing to  
the wider area over which the fleets will be  
distributed, tends to weaken the effective  
striking force of the Navy, but while we do  
not propose to enter upon the discussion of  
a question which has been decided by the  
Lords of the Admiralty, it seems to us that  
the concentration of the navy is in no wise  
impeded by this arrangement and the protection  
of hitherto unpatrolled coasts will add  
materially to the sense of security in  
Britain which all schemes of defence are  
intended to impart.

The German Mail of the 30th December 1908  
was delivered in London on the 27th inst.

The Members of the St. John's Cathedral  
Choir are giving a Concert, in aid of the  
Cathedral Organ Fund, on Monday, February  
15th.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donation to the funds  
of the Hospitals:

Kim Sim Theatre per Mr. Ho Kon Tang \$500.

His Excellency the Governor of the Straits  
Settlements, the Straits Times under-  
stands, will probably leave for home by the  
mail sailing about the middle of February.  
His Excellency will be away some three months  
altogether, and during his absence the duties of  
Officer Administering the Government will be  
undertaken by the Colonial Secretary, Sir  
Arthur Young, K.C.M.G.

Despite the many attractions, the Alexandra  
Cinematograph, in Zetland Street, is every  
evening well patronized by audiences who  
enjoy the really good pictures shown. The  
proprietor changes the entire programme every  
Monday and Thursday and none of his films have  
ever been seen before in Hongkong. The hearty  
laughter and applause of the audience testify to  
the high standard of the subjects and the  
Alexandra can be recommended to those in  
quest of a superior and quiet pastime.

Although the old Straits Settlements did  
not cease to be legal tender on the 1st January,  
1909, there still appears to be a large number of  
them in the possession of persons who have not  
been able to exchange them for the new Straits  
Settlements dollar within the time fixed by the  
Government, and His Excellency the Governor  
has been pleased to extend the period for effecting  
such exchange at the Treasuries to the 23rd  
February next.

A Tonkin paper calls attention to the increasing  
importance of Saigon, and its extraordinary  
commercial development, as a striking example  
of French colonizing enterprise. Every year,  
that port goes ahead in a remarkable manner,  
the population increases rapidly and builders  
never find business slack. The tonnage frequenting  
the port rose from 834,340 tons in  
1903 to 1,695,315 tons in 1907. The volume of  
trade in imports and exports together shot up  
from a value of over 259 millions of francs in  
1902 to nearly 392 millions in 1907.

During last year the number of plague cases  
at Rangoon was 1,109—about the same number  
as in Hongkong. In 1907 the public brought  
to the Sanitary department at Rangoon  
1,157,148 rats and the Plague staff caught  
40,602. In 1908, the Plague Staff's record was  
110,696, and the public contribution 731,712.  
The Health Officer comments:—This decrease  
is entirely satisfactory. The large rat reward  
had encouraged, a very big system of swindling.  
Rats in enormous numbers were being brought  
by contractors from the jungle and the paddy  
fields, and retailed to large numbers of coolies,  
who brought them to the depots in small  
numbers for the reward. This system has to a  
very large extent been broken down and the  
diminution in the number of rats brought by  
the public means simply diminished fraud and  
lessening of effective action. The plague  
officers are now in closer touch with the section  
of the community which brings in rats and  
know where and how the rats are caught.

## TIRED OF LIFE.

Two Chinese who attempted to commit  
suicide on Wednesday appeared before Mr. J.  
R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday. In the  
first instance an old woman, who was arrested at  
Yammati for gathering pine cones and placed in  
a cell at the Police Station, attempted to strangle  
herself with a lace with which her hair was  
bound. Making one end of this lace fast to her  
neck, she tied the other end to a bar of the cell  
door and endeavoured to hang herself. The  
attempt would no doubt have been successful  
but for the timely arrival of Sergeant Macdonald,  
who released her. On appearing before the  
Court she was bound over to be of good  
behaviour in the sum of \$10.

In the other case a student attempted to end  
his days by jumping off the Praya central into  
the harbour, but was rescued by some boating  
people in the vicinity. The attempt was made  
while the guns were booming their congratula-  
tions to the German Emperor, and the student  
explained that he took this as his death knell,  
because he feared that his mother and the rest  
of his family had been beheaded in Canton. The  
charge was remanded pending a medical examination  
of the rash young man.

## ANOTHER BURGLARY.

Another burglary occurred in a restaurant at  
416, Des Vieux Road West, on Wednesday night  
or early yesterday morning. The thief  
forced an entrance through a wire screen at the  
rear of the cook house, visited various rooms in  
the restaurant and departed with clothing to  
the value of \$32. Through the smartness of a  
lukong, however, he was arrested before the  
police were informed of the robbery. The thief  
was going aboard a Canton steamer with his  
spoils when the lukong detained him and  
requested to know what was in the bundle he  
carried. The robber answered the questions  
which succeeded so unsatisfactorily that he was  
taken to the Central Police Station and charged.  
There it was discovered that he had also  
returned from banishment, and yesterday he  
appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magis-  
tracy to answer both charges. He was found  
guilty on each count and sentenced to twelve  
months' imprisonment with hard labour.

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

Public patronage and enthusiasm at the  
excellent performance provided by Harmston's  
Circus still in the ascendant, the large tent at  
Causeway Bay being well filled nightly.

Trapezists, acrobats, gymnasts and clowns have  
combined in giving the public value for money,  
and as the success of any performance is  
made or marred by public opinion, there can be  
no doubt that that opinion has decided in favour  
of Harmston's. This fact is borne out by the  
attractiveness of Causeway Bay just now, and  
by the marked approval with which the spectators  
contine to receive the various performers.

## ILLICIT OPIUM TRAFFIC.

An exemplary sentence was passed on a  
native by Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy  
yesterday. The defendant, it was ascertained,  
had three previous convictions against him for  
being in unlawful possession of opium, and  
yesterday he appeared before the court on five  
charges of having nearly five taels in his  
possession without a permit. On the evidence  
he was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine  
of \$750, the alternative being six months'  
imprisonment.

## MISHAP TO THE "CAPRI."

Captain Domenico, of the Italian steamer  
"Capri," on arrival at Singapore last week from  
Hongkong, on route to Bombay, reported that  
in avoiding a sailing tongkang, the vessel went  
ashore on the reef at Horsburgh Lighthouse  
and remained there for about two hours when  
she got off without assistance and with but little  
damage. She was to go into dry dock to have  
her hull examined.

## TELEGRAMS.

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KOREAN EMPEROR'S TOUR.

## ANTI-JAPANESE MANIFESTATIONS.

TOKYO, January 28th.

The Korean Emperor's tour to the north  
is not being characterised with the  
harmony which was displayed in the south.

On Wednesday at Pingyang the  
Aid-de-camp of the Imperial suite  
attacked the Home Minister.

On the previous night explosives  
were thrown into the Welcome Building,  
and other manifestations of dissatisfaction  
with the Imperial House of Korea have been shown.

Strong anti-Japanese sentiment has  
been displayed, and the itinerary has  
been partially abandoned.

[SHOOTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG  
DAILY PRESS."] DEATH OF A FAMOUS  
ACTOR.

LONDON, January 27th.

The death is announced of M.  
Benoit Constant Coquelin, the elder  
of the two brothers so long famous  
on the French stage.

## TANG SHAO-YI IN LONDON.

LONDON, January 27th.

H. E. Tang Shao-Yi has arrived  
in London from America.

In the course of an interview His  
Excellency said the object of his visit  
was to study the financial methods  
and conditions in England, France  
and Germany.

He denied that he had made  
any attempts to arrange an alliance  
or to raise loans in America. He  
admitted that he had left America  
earlier than he had intended in con-  
sequence of instructions from Peking.

## THE KAISER'S BIRTH DAY.

LONDON, January 28th.

The Kaiser's fiftieth birthday has  
been most enthusiastically celebrated  
in Berlin.

The newspapers in their com-  
memorative articles generally refer to the  
famous "interview" published in the London "Daily Telegraph," and  
commend His Majesty's acquiescence in  
the will of the people.

CALIFORNIA'S ANTI-JAPANESE  
LEGISLATION.

LONDON, January 28th.

The Californian Legislature has  
postponed the Anti-Japanese Bills  
with a view to amendments in accord-  
ance with the wishes of the Federal  
Government.

## SIR JACOB SASOON'S MUNIFICENCE.

Sir Jacob Sasoon, Bart., has just recently  
added Rs. 30,000 to the funds of the Jewish  
Free School in Hydura, Bombay, to which he  
generously contributed two lakhs of rupees some  
years ago. Boys and girls are taught in the  
same classes. Religious instruction is not  
neglected, and Hebrew is a compulsory subject.  
Some pupils have already passed in the Matriculation  
Examination from the Jacob Sasoon Free School.  
Its founder is a man of broad educational  
sympathies. While contributing so  
generously to the encouragement of scientific  
education in the Presidency, it is a pleasure to  
see that he has by no means neglected the inter-  
ests of the small community of which he is  
the head.—Times of India.

COLOMBO AS A DISTRIBUTING  
CENTRE.

POSSIBLE ADVENT OF AMERICAN HOUSES.

Colombo as a seaport with a feature, and as a  
convenient distributing port, is at present being  
made known when opportunity occurs, to  
commercial houses in the United States. Mr.  
Teichmann, the U.S. Consul, in the course of  
his daily duties, has frequent enquires regarding  
Colombo, and indicates, at these times, his  
impressions, pointing out the possibilities of  
Colombo, when the island is linked up with  
India by railway, and the rapid access to India  
there will be if Colombo be made a terminal  
port, compared with steaming round to Madras  
or Calcutta. It will not be at all surprising if,  
in the future, several United States commercial  
houses open branches in Colombo.—Times of  
Ceylon.

MISHAP TO THE "CAPRI."

How to be BEAUTIFUL—Keep your complexion,  
Mrs. Ellen's Crème Charnante, Lait  
Charnant and Special Skin Tonic and Pouder  
Charnant will enable you to do it. Her  
Specialities for the Skin are the study of a  
lifetime. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Sole Agents  
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB AND  
THE SHANGHAI INVITATION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG  
DAILY PRESS."]

KOREAN EMPEROR'S TOUR.

## ANTI-JAPANESE MANIFESTATIONS.

TOKYO, January 28th.

DEAR SIR.—As certain statements with  
regard to the proposed visit of our Association  
Xi to Shanghai and its subsequent abandonment  
have appeared in your columns, my  
Committee have desired me to write to you and clear  
up the following points. The invitation was from Club to Club and hence the use of the word "Interport" with regard to the fixture is a misnomer. I may point out in addition as a  
further proof of this that, through the Shanghai  
Football Club we received a challenge to play the  
Shanghai League, after playing our match with the  
Shanghai Football Club, but again no  
question of an "Interport" team arose. As to the  
statement that

**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL  
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NORI and YOKOHAMA	Capt. G. Phillips	5 P.M., 29th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	Capt. S. Barcham	About 4th Febr.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DEVAHNA Capt. W. Hayward, R.N.Z.	Noon, 6th Febr.	Sea Special of Call. Advertisement.
LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENNYANZA ANG. COLOMBO PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	Capt. H. S. Bradshaw	About 10th Febr.	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent

Hongkong, 29th January, 1909.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**  
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
RAIPHONG	"CHIHLI"	On 30th Jan. 10 A.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA		
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"CHANGSHA"	On 30th Jan., 4 P.M. with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"ICHANG"	On 31st Jan., D'light
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 2nd Febr., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 3rd Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 9th Febr., 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA and AUSTRALIA	"TAIWAN"	On 26th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA CARNIVAL—February 2nd to 9th 1909.		
REDUCED RETURN FARE of \$60.00 available for 6 weeks will be issued for the following Passenger Steamers:		
"CHANGSHA"		leaving Hongkong 31st January.
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MANILA STEAMERS & TIENSIN STEAMERS		have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon.
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T. TELEPHONE 36.		
For Freight or Passage apply to—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIBRE,	AGENTS.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1909.		11

**INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.**

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)		
FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"CHEONGSHING"	Sunday, 31st Jan., D'light
SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Monday, 1st Febr., 3 P.M.
MANILA	"YOUNGSANG"	Monday, 1st Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Wednesday, 3rd Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Thursday, 4th Febr., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"SUISANG"	Thursday, 4th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 5th Febr., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Tuesday, 9th Febr., Noon.

## FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

FEBRUARY 2ND TO 9TH, 1909.

A Special Reduced Fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our Sailings to Manilla on the 29th January, and 5th February, available for 30 days from date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

\* Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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**OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.**

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING
* TAMSUI	VIA SWATOW "JOSHIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.
& AMOY	Capt. H. Murayama	
+ SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, "BUJUN MARU"	TUESDAY, 2nd Febr., 8 A.M.	
AMOY & FOOCHOW	Capt. Y. Fuseno	
* YAPING VIA SWATOW "SHOSHU MARU"	WEDDAY, 3rd Febr., 8 A.M.	
& AMOY	Capt. Iuchi	

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T. ARIMA, Manager [13]

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STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	FRIDAY, 29th Jan., at NOON.
"HAIMUN"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 2nd Febr., at NOON.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

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COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, HANKOK & SHANGHAI.  
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GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION STEAMERS DATE OF SAILING.  
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE "CATHAY" On 10th February.  
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and "YEDDO" Middle of February.  
COPENHAGEN "YEDDO" For Further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS. 6 Hongkong, 20th January, 1909.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

EXTRA PASSENGER SERVICE NEW STEAMERS—EUROPEAN LINE.

FOR GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

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MIYASAKI MARU (—) About Wed. 24th Mar.

ATSUTA MARU (—) About Wed. 21st April.

CHEAPEST PASSAGE RATES TO EUROPE AND AROUND-THE-WORLD.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 7th January, 1909. [93]

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and KAWACHI MARU	KAWACHI MARU	6101	WED'DAY, 3rd Febr., at Daylight.
ANTWERP, via SINGA	CAPT. H. Petersen.	6112	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at Daylight.
PORE, PE NANG, SANUKI MARU	CAPT. K. Homma.	6112	at Daylight.
COLOMBO and PORT SAID	CAPT. T. Sekine.	6444	TUESDAY, 2nd Febr., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. and AKI MARU	CAPT. S. J. Parsons.	6320	TUESDAY, 16th Febr., at Noon.
SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI	CAPT. J. Nagao.	3817	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, IYO MARU	CAPT. M. Yagi.	5539	SATURDAY, 5th Febr., at Daylight.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	CAPT. WAKAMIYA MARU	3949	SUNDAY, 7th Febr., February.
via MANILA, THURSDAY	CAPT. T. Yamawaki.	3265	SATURDAY, 30th January.
ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE	CAPT. J. C. Richards.	3265	WED'DAY, 17th Febr., at Noon.
and BRISBANE	CAPT. R. Swain.	5539	SATURDAY, 5th Febr., at Daylight.

\* Omitting Yokkaichi.  
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T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER. [15]

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong, 26th January, 1909. Hongkong Office. [12]

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STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 30th Jan., Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 6th Febr., Noon.

As a special inducement to intending Visitors to the Philippine Carnival, we are offering a reduced fare of \$50 for passage to Manila and return by our s.s. "ZAFIRO" sailing SATURDAY, the 30th January.

Tickets issued at this reduced rate will be available for return by either the s.s. "

## OFFICE NOTICE

EUROPE, VIA SIBERIA, is forwarded from  
London, via Vladivostok, to Shanghai, via  
Siberia, sailing for SHANGHAI.

The times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalmatia and Siberia.

With February

With the French mail of the 1st January, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 2nd January, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 3rd January, at daylight. Replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 28th November, last, with the German mail of the 9th December left Singapore on the 10th inst., at 6 a.m. and may be expected here to-day p.m.

This week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

## INTIMATIONS.

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

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COL. R. LOVE,

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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby informed that their  
goods will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed at once, at Consignee's risk  
and expense.Cargo remaining on board after 2 P.M. of  
the 29th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk  
and expense.Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and  
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE  
delivery of their goods from alongside, such cargo  
impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be  
landed and stored at Consignee's risk and  
expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be counter-signed by

DAVID SASOON &amp; CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1909. [243]

## "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "GHAZEE"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND  
STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed  
that all Goods are being landed at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at  
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves  
delivery may be obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 1st Feb., will be subject  
to rent.All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Undersigned on or before the  
25th Febr., or they will not be recognized.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 1st Febr., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be counter-signed by

DODWELL &amp; CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1909. [233]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "BENCLEUCH."

From MIDDLESEBRO', ANTWERP,  
\* LONDON AND STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed  
that all Goods are being landed at their  
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Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,  
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be obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 2nd February, will be  
subject to rent.All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Undersigned on or before the  
9th February, or they will not be recognized.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [244]

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## CRYING FOR THIS MOON.

MR. CARNEGIE'S EXPOSURE OF SOCIALISM.  
A striking exposure and denunciation of  
Socialism by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, whose  
splendid achievement in the field of commerce  
stamp his views with unquestionable authority  
appears in the current issue of the *World's Work*.The article is called "Socialism versus Progress," and, as the concluding paragraph  
expresses it, indicates how—"the Socialists lose  
the substance by grasping for the shadow, and  
waste his time, like children chasing rainbows  
and crying for the moon."He begins with "the crucial question of  
wages." "If wages are not to be equal," he says,  
"all classes cannot be merged and kept  
uniform—the basis of Socialism."Mr. Carnegie quite rightly defines the "ideal"  
by taking into consideration the human factor.  
If equality in wages were effected, he declares,  
"human life would be changed, with results  
unknown." Those whose services command  
more the common labourer would not  
agree. The idea of uniform income  
may be dismissed until the nature of men  
changes.

## SOCIALISM IMPOSSIBLE.

On the other hand, if different wages be  
paid according to service rendered, Socialism  
becomes impossible."Referring to Mr. Keir Hardie and Mr.  
Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Carnegie expresses  
his amazement that "such men should waste  
their powers upon a system which they admit  
cannot be adopted until organic changes take  
place in the structure of human society".Mr. Carnegie, who writes as a man who "lived  
in his early years among workmen and his later  
years as an employer of labour," tackles the  
land with a tenacious grip and broad-  
minded thoroughness.State ownership he condemns in no measured  
terms, though he insists that "much is to be  
done against the British landlord system." He  
holds up Denmark—"that wonderful little  
country"—which should teach a lesson to our  
own Great Britain.The land that seventy-odd years ago was in  
the hands of the few is now owned, he says,  
by 86,000 people, though the area of the  
country is less than 10,000,000 acres and the  
population 2,500,000."A starting statement follows. Mr. Carnegie  
says:—

## PRODUCE TREBED.

What has been done in Denmark, "without  
revolution or Government ownership, and which  
treated the produce" of the soil, Mr. Carnegie  
argues, should be achieved in the United  
Kingdom.Instead of one great mammoth landowner,  
the State, as Socialists suppose," he says,  
"Britain should have hundreds of thousands of  
small owners necessarily developing into men of  
a much higher type than mere tenants or  
employees can ever become."The magic of ownership works wonders, not  
only upon the soil, but upon the happy working  
owner thereof. The type of man developed in  
America upon farms their own, taken all in all, is  
not to be equalled, as far as the writer has known  
large classes of men."Again the personal element is introduced.  
After observing that in every English-speaking  
land other than Britain estates are generally  
divided about equally among the children  
while the farm usually goes to the member best  
qualified to work it, Mr. Carnegie, hitting out  
with characteristic vigour, says:—"Let the most eloquent Socialist endeavour  
to convince these owners of the soil, true  
landlord-farmers, that they are not part, and the  
best part, of the most highly developed and  
most desirable society known to man, and he  
will have a rude awakening. No Socialism for  
them."The proposed "confiscation" of the land is  
roundly condemned, and the ruthless fashion in  
which Socialists would secure the redistribution of  
their dreams comes in for stern rebuke.Mr. Carnegie quotes a saying of Mr. Glad-  
stone's, "which he says, 'flashed light' upon  
the vexed question of payment for confiscated  
of the land."The great Liberal leader, when asked about  
Socialism, replied that it had to meet this query,  
"Did it propose to buy the land or to take it?" If the first, it was folly; if the second, it  
was robbery."

ADVANCE BY BOBBERY.

Foreible spoliation of the innocent possessors  
—an advance towards heaven upon earth found  
upon robbery"—would infallibly be, says Mr.  
Carnegie, "a step backward, not forward; down-  
ward, not upward."Following up his argument, Mr. Carnegie  
deals with the suggestion of enforced sale. "To  
whom can the payment go," he asks, "except to  
the owners of the property taken?""Ah, there's the rub! What becomes of the  
Socialist State in that event? Where is the  
equality upon which such State is to be  
founded?""Impossible, because the rich and the poor  
we would still have with us, and the present  
division into classes be revived; for it is wealth,  
not birth, in our day which creates class distinctions."The claims of birth in our race only  
survive in the United Kingdom; they would be  
laughed at elsewhere, if presented."So mills, factories, shipyards, railways, and  
all means of production and distribution were  
taken and paid for the owners would still be  
rich, while if they were rented, the rents would  
go to the owners, "who would remain wealthy."Payment, Mr. Carnegie points out, by the  
State would have to be paid for by the issue of  
Consols, "what price," he asks, "would Consols  
already much below par, reach under such  
an issue?" Let the enthusiastic Socialist ask  
the banker and learn what would ensue. "What  
receiver of Consols would feel safe, holding  
the bond of a Government that forced  
compulsory sale and snatched from him his  
home, the dearest spot on earth to him and his  
wife?"

## GOOMY PICTURE.

The effect of Socialism on the population is  
portrayed in gloomy colours—a picture of a country  
deserted by all that is best and noblest.Who would wish to live under such a  
Government, or in such a land? Few, indeed,  
of those most desirable to retain. Canada and  
America would be too attractive, and the  
despised would follow the Pilgrims, their  
forefathers, who left their old home and settled  
in the new, where men had rights and liberties  
then denied at home, and private property was  
inviolate.All claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Undersigned on or before the  
9th February, or they will not be recognized.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
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Agents.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [244]

Outspoken and incontrovertible are the follow-  
ing sentences, which should make Socialism  
real back into the barbarism out of which  
it emerged:—"Until officials, superintendents, foremen, and  
skilled mechanics are willing to accept the  
recompense earned by the sweepers of the  
factories, there can be no success for Socialism,  
for upon this foundation it is compelled to stand.  
The moment 'equality of payment' is dropped,  
and a commission is formed to found and enforce  
'inequality of payment,' the phantom vanishes."

## A PART FROM THE PAIN.

A considerable part has been taken in Uni-  
versity athletics. Four scholars (all South  
African) played in the "Rugby" football team  
against Cambridge, one of these, W. W.  
Hinton, of Trinity, and St. Andrew's College,  
Graemestown, being captain of the team. Two  
represented England and one Scotland in  
international Rugby football matches, while in  
athletic sports five scholars (three American  
and two Colonial), in cricket at one (Colonial), in  
lawn tennis two (Colonial), and in water  
sports two (Colonial) represented Oxford against  
Cambridge.Most satisfactory of all, perhaps, to those who  
watch the working out of the idea of Cecil  
Rhodes, is the tribute paid by Sir William  
Anson in the discussion on professor Egerton's  
paper last month in the Royal Colonial Institute,  
when he said it was felt that the Rhodes Scholar-  
ship had as a whole brought to the University a  
spirit of earnest work, and were doing Oxford  
good. The approval of his Alma Mater and the  
group which it is thus given, is what the founder  
himself would have most valued.THE WEAKENING EFFECT OF  
FREE TRADE.Count Dehme Finckenstein, a member of the  
Prussian Upper House, discusses in the *Tug* the  
relations of England and Germany.He accepts the fact that "for years antipathy  
towards Germany has been spreading over the  
whole of England," and ascribes this state of  
affairs to fear on the part of the English that  
Germany is desirous of wresting from them  
their supremacy on the seas. England's policy,  
he says, has always been to seek allies who  
will fight whatever Powers seem to threaten  
her maritime supremacy, and now it is  
the turn of Germany to have her aspirations  
thwarted. The Russian Fleet, he declares, has  
been safely disposed of, the Japanese and the  
Americans are to chuckmate each other, and, he  
continues: "I do not believe that England can  
attack Germany without Continental allies.The game is too serious to be risked alone, for  
if Germany can bring her entire naval force to  
bear she is in the long run equal to England.  
Battleships can be built in three years, and,  
as far as personnel is concerned, we are  
no sense behind England. The Romans  
finally defeated the Carthaginians in the  
first Punic War because they were a nation  
of tough peasants who built and manned one  
fleet after another until, after a twenty-four  
years' struggle they overcame the nation of  
merchants. The ultimate victory of the Romans  
over the Africans in the Peloponnesian War  
shows the same picture.The result of England's Free Trade policy  
is that the main foundation of national strength  
—a numerous and healthy agricultural population  
—has decayed in a most lamentable manner.England, as is well known, has not sufficient  
land under cultivation to provide food for her  
factory population, and she is in danger should  
a crisis be ruthlessly waged against the  
people of her having her supplies cut off. She has also  
not sufficient healthy men to replace those lost  
in a long-contested naval war. In the Boer  
War gentlemen from the Yeomanry, from the  
Militia, and even the Volunteer Corps joined the  
Army in a splendid manner, and England  
owes her victory mainly to the self-sacrificing  
devotion of her sons. Nevertheless recourse had to  
be had in that war against the untrained  
Boers to auxiliaries forces from all the Colonies  
and even to native blacks. As a matter of fact a  
false economic policy has borne bitter fruits in  
the decline of defensive power."Count Finckenstein adds that Germans may be  
proud that they take a leading place among the  
civilised nations in many domains, and be  
proud of the fact that other peoples are adopting  
their educational system of universal  
military service, and manner in which they subordinate  
personalities to the needs of the State; but he warns them again falling into the sin  
of arrogance. There are, he says, many characteristics  
in neighbouring peoples which they  
do well to adopt, and he finally recommends  
independence and consideration of others as the  
best means of securing international relations  
mutually beneficial to all parties.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued  
the following report:

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

ALACRITY, British despatch-boat, 700 Comdr. C. T. Fuller, 28th Jan., Tournai.  
JOSHIN MARU, Jap. str., 702, H. Maruyama, 28th Jan.—Swatow 27th Jan., General Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
NOE, British str., 4,177, G. Phillips, 26th Jan.—London 19th Dec., Various—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
QUARTA, Garibaldi str., 1,145, H. Madsen, 26th Jan.—Batavia 17th January, Sugar and General—Java-China-Japan Liner.  
SEMINOLE, British str., 3,795, H. D. Clarke, 26th Jan.—Swatow 27th January, Water-ballast—Standard Oil Co. of New York.  
STANDARD, Norwegian str., 895, H. Bull, 23rd Jan.—Saigon 22nd Jan., Rico Agard Thorson & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
28th January.  
Gibert, French str., for Hoilow.  
Holstein, German str., for Hoilow.  
More, British str., for Yokohama.  
Quarta, German str., for Saigon.  
Shin Maru, Japanese str., for Canton.  
Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

## DEPARTURES.

28th January.  
A. APCAL, British str., for Singapore.  
BERGLEUCH, British str., for Nagasaki.  
CHIANG, British str., for Shanghai.  
GHIAZEE, British str., for Shanghai.  
GENEVA, British str., for London.  
HAIMUN, British str., for Swatow.  
KANCHOW, British str., for Amoy.  
KEEMUN, British str., for Tacons.  
KORAT, German str., for Bangkok.  
SHIBATA MAHU, Jap. str., for Osaka.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German str., Quarta reports: Good weather throughout.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

January 28th.

ABERDEEN DOCK.—  
KOVLOON DOCK.—H.M.S. Whiting, Surveying, Cheungking, Taku, Hoi Ming, Semimole.  
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Halidah.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

## "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship  
"CARNARVONSHIRE" will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 2nd February, 1909.  
For further particulars, apply to SHEWAN, TOME'S & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [117]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship  
"EASTERN," Captain McArthur, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb., at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1909. [181]

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.  
(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship  
"HEADLEY," will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 12th February, 1909.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBEG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [198]

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Ports in the United Kingdom and the Continent.

THE Steamship  
"MONTGOMERYSHIRE," will be despatched as above on or about the 23rd February.

For Freight, &c., apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [249]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.  
(Taking cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS to PEBBLE GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE AND AEGEATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship  
"SILESIA," Capt. Rademicich, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 25th February, 1909.

This Steamer has ample accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor and stewardess.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1909. [3]

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k" nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

## SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & B.R.	BIRTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Hayward, R.N.E.	SHEWAN, TOME'S & Co.	On 2nd Febr.
LONDON &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. S. Bradshaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th Febr., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MONTGOMERYSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 10th Febr.
BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	About 23rd Febr.
BARVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	YEDDO	Ger. str.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 27th Febr.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YEDDO	Dan. str.	—	MELCHERS & Co.	MELCHERS & Co.	To-morrow.
MARSEILLE, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	YEDDO	F. str.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Middle of February.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SYDNEY	Jap. str.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Febr., at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Febr., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	SANGKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Febr., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS	MAEDONIA	Brit. str.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th March.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	MELCHERS & Co.	MELCHERS & Co.	On 10th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	LUTZOW	Ger. str.	—	ANDAMAN-AMERICA LINER	ANDAMAN-AMERICA LINER	On 10th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	SILESIA	Ang. str.	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 23rd Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	ARAGONIA	Ger. str.	—	ARNHOLD, KARBEG & Co.	ARNHOLD, KARBEG & Co.	To-morrow.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	STURGE	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 12th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	HEADLEY	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 13th Febr., at 7 a.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 2nd March, at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 1st Febr., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 12th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	SUPERIOR	Brit. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 16th Febr., at 4 p.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	IVO MARU	Jap. str.	—	SUTTERFIELD & SWICK	SUTTERFIELD & SWICK	On 17th Febr., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	MELCHERS & Co.	MELCHERS & Co.	On 31st inst.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Brit. str.	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	About 23rd Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	Brit. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	To-day.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	Brit. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 13th Febr., at 4 p.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	YATOWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 2nd Febr., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 11th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 16th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 17th Febr., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 17th Febr., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	TIKOBODAS	Dan. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	Quick despatch.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	P. B. LUITZOLD	Brit. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	About 30th inst.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	MOYOEI MARU	Jap. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	To-morrow.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	NOBE	Brit. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	To-day, at 5 p.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	CHONGMING	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 31st inst., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS	SALAZIE	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 1st Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	FOOSHING	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 1st Febr., at 3 p.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	SAXONIA	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 4th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	BRITANNIA	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 2nd Febr., at 8 a.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	BUJUAN MARU	Jap. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 3rd Febr., at 4 p.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	HANGSAM	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 3rd Febr., at 4 p.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	LINAN	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 4th Febr., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	NAMGANG	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 11th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	—	MELCHERS & Co.	MELCHERS & Co.	On 10th Febr.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	CATHAY	Dan. str.	—	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINER	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINER	Quick despatch.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	TIJUATAP	Dan. str.	—	SUTTERFIELD & SWICK	SUTTERFIELD & SWICK	On 21st Febr., at D'light
MARSHALL ISLANDS	ICHANG	Dan. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 3rd Febr., at 9 a.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	SHOBHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	JOSEN MARU	Jap. str.	—	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	NISSHO SHOSHO KAISHA	On 2nd Febr., at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	HAITANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	Douglas Lapeyre & Co.	Douglas Lapeyre & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	1 m.	BUTTERFIELD & SWICK	BUTTERFIELD & SWICK	On 1st Febr., at 4 p.m.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	CHIHLI	Brit. str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	YUNTSANG	Brit. str.	—	SHEWAN TOME'S & CO.	SHEWAN TOME'S &	

## SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 28th January.

## IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR F. PIGGOT).

## THE DE VOUX ROAD MURDER.

Six Chinese were arraigned on a charge of murdering Shan Cheun, rattan dealer, on the 27th November. They pleaded not guilty. The Hon. Mr. Rees Davis, K.C., instructed by Mr. Denney, conducted the prosecution, prisoners being defended by Mr. H. G. Calthrop, instructed by Mr. O. D. Thomson.

The jury was empanelled as under: Messrs. P. Davidson, R. D. Galloway, P. F. Nicholson, J. Lysanght, A. C. Dierck, A. S. Currie, C. A. H. Westerberger.

The Attorney General told the jury that the affair took place in Des Voux Road West about 6 o'clock on the evening of 27th November. The murdered man was a rattan dealer and all the prisoners had formerly been in his employ, but they had been a dispute between the master and the men concerning a woman labourer and they all left his employ. The evidence brought forward by the prosecution consisted chiefly of the evidence of two eye-witnesses. The deceased's servant girl, a girl of 16 years, told the jury that she knew all the prisoners very well, having lived in the shop where they were engaged as fokas. Her story was to the effect that on the night of the 27th November she went out on a mission for her mistress and on returning she saw, within a few yards of the shop, about ten men attacking her master. She said definitely that all the six prisoners were there. She saw the first prisoner strike him with a knife about a foot long, while the other five beat him with their fists or held him by the queue. Becoming alarmed she ran into her master's shop and made a report to her mistress. The men ran away shortly afterwards and decreased walked to his shop bleeding and in a very weak state. The girl was then sent for the doctor. Her story was corroborated by a man named Shan Pui, a rattan dealer, who also spoke definitely to seeing all the prisoners. He stated that the first prisoner had a knife with which he chopped at the deceased who was calling out "Save life!" He also saw the second defendant catch deceased by the queue and saw some of the others kick him. To use his own expression: "they were beating him at random." As soon as this witness came up the prisoners ran away, and he gave information to the police. At that time the street was well lighted and he could easily recognize all the men. The deceased was taken to the hospital but as his skull was smashed to the brain and he had other knife wounds, his condition was very grave. He rallied on admission. On the 1st December he became worse and an operation was performed but he died on the 5th December. All the prisoners were arrested—the first three on the night of the affair and the others the following day. When charged at the Police Court the prisoners all denied the charge and No. 6 sought to establish an alibi. Two knives were found at the residence of the first prisoner.

Dr. Koch stated that, in his opinion, the wound on the head was caused by a heavy knife.

Other evidence was called.

Mr. Calthrop said he proposed to put the prisoners in the box.

The first prisoner, who elected to give evidence, said he left the deceased's service on November 20th. He left because he had not enough work to do.

His Lordship—Not because you had not enough pay?—No.

Witness said he entered the service of deceased's brother on the 25th November. On the following day he finished work at 6.30 p.m. and after washing his feet proceeded to the second floor and went to sleep. He did not go out. At midnight a policeman accompanied by a girl came up and he was arrested. He knew nothing of the affair. The second and third defendants were with him as well as other fokas.

Cross-examined—He left because of the dispute over the woman labourer and not because he had not enough work to do.

Counsel having addressed the jury, his Lordship summed up very briefly and the jury retired to consider their verdict. After an absence of fifteen minutes they returned and asked several questions which his Lordship said indicated that they wished an elucidation of the evidence, upon which it was too late to enter.

The Attorney General said the evidence desired was not admissible.

Mr. Calthrop agreed.

His Lordship instructed the jury accordingly. On their return the jury returned with a verdict of guilty of murder against each but recommended them to the mercy of the Court.

His Lordship informed the jury that on a verdict of guilty he could do no other than pass sentence of death. The recommendation to mercy would be forwarded to H. E. the Governor; and if they liked to draw up their reasons for the recommendation they could be transmitted to the proper quarter.

His Lordship, after the usual questions to each prisoner, doffed the black cap and pronounced sentence of death upon each.

The prisoners received their sentence with remarkable composure, the sixth man challenging the witnesses according to Chinese custom, to swear on the cock's head.

## LAW ST. STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The str. *Carnarvonshire* left Shanghai on Wednesday the 27th instant, and is due here to-morrow.

The J.-J. Lijs str. *Tsimahai* left Shanghai for this port via Amoy on the 27th instant at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 1st prox. p.m.

The M.M. str. *Sydney* will leave Shanghai on Sunday the 31st inst. at 8 p.m., and will arrive on Wednesday early in the morning and will leave for Europe and ports of call on the same day.

## PUBLIC COMPANY MEETINGS.

## HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO. LTD.

The twenty-first ordinary meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at noon yesterday. Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided, and there were also present Sir Paul Chater and Messrs. E. Shellim, H. P. White, C. S. Gubbay, H. A. Siebs, G. Friesland (directors), A. Shelton Hooper (secretary), J. A. Jupp, N. Mody, J. M. E. Machado, F. Ellis, A. Rodger, H. Percy Smith, W. E. Clarke and D. R. Moss.

The SECRETARY read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, I propose, with your permission, to take the report and accounts as read. Dealing first with the balance sheet, I have to point out that our investments are practically the same as for the previous year, the differences being a slight increase in amount advanced on mortgage, some \$12,000, and a decrease of \$15,800 in our property investments. This decrease is due to the sale of a portion of the Godown property on Praya East formerly occupied by the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company. The balance of the original lot is in course of conversion into dwelling houses and the laying out of a new street from Queen's Road East to Praya East. This street will be acquired and paid for by the Government. This re-development of the property was, in the opinion of your directors, rendered necessary by the transfer of the godown business to other districts. Turning to profit and loss account you will observe that our net profits on the year's working are \$348,059.65 as against \$364,728.05 in 1907, a decrease of \$16,668.40 brought about by the additional repairs necessitated by the typhoon of July last. Rents for the whole year, notwithstanding the loss of \$12,000 which was incurred by the godown which I have referred to as in the course of conversion, are virtually the same as last year. In interest and charges accounts, the slight differences are, I am pleased to say, on the right side. If any further information is desired I shall be pleased to offer it, before formally moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

No questions being asked, the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. JUPP—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion, and I think shareholders will agree that, considering the present severe depreciation in property and in trade generally, we have every reason to be satisfied with the results put forward us.

The motion on being put was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. MACHADO, seconded by Mr. MODY, the confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. C. G. R. Brodersen, C. S. Gubbay and H. A. Siebs to the directorate was confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr. ELLIS that Messrs. H. P. White and H. A. Siebs should be elected.

Mr. RODGER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Messrs. J. Cox-Edwards and H. Percy Smith, were re-appointed auditors on the motion of Captain CLARKE, seconded by Mr. ELLIS.

The CHAIRMAN—Dividend warrants will be ready on application, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

## HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY.

The eighth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above company was held yesterday at the offices, Victoria Buildings. The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, and Messrs. C. S. Gubbay, A. (directors), J. H. Seth, H. Percy Smith, A. Shelton Hooper, A. E. Aspin, H. Fook, Ho Kom Tong, J. C. Peter, C. H. Ross, Lo Cheung Shui, E. L. Hughes, and Mowbray S. Northcote (secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen. The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for the past week we may, I think, take them as read. The reclamation of Kowloon Marine Lot 49 has now been completed, and except for a final sum of some \$11,500 due to the contractor, is paid for, leaving us in possession of an area of 429,633 square feet over the whole lot. The completion of this work has absorbed such funds as we had out at interest over and above the amounts invested in mortgages, and this fact accounts mainly for the decrease shown on the balance sheet under the heading of Interest. No new reclamation works have been undertaken during the year under review, nor have any sales of land been effected. We are however, able to maintain our dividend of seven per cent. from the balance brought forward from last account, and after payment thereof to carry forward a sum of \$217,100.23, a guarantee of a like dividend for some few years to come, even if no sales be made in the meantime. Before formally moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question you may wish to ask.

There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. PERCY SMITH seconded, and the motion was carried.

The appointment of Mr. C. S. Gubbay to the directorate was confirmed on the motion of Mr. PETZEL, seconded by Mr. HO FOOK.

On the motion of Mr. HO KOM TONG, seconded by Mr. LO CHEUNG SHUI, Messrs. Shellim and Gubbay were re-elected directors.

Mr. ROSS proposed, and Mr. SEETH seconded the re-election of Messrs. Potts and Gourdin as auditors.

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN—Thank you for your attendance, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow on application.

## WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY.

## ROMANCE IN BANKING.

The 21st ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above company was held yesterday at the offices, Victoria Buildings. Sir Paul Chater presided and there were present Hon. Mr. W. F. S. A., in a lecture at the London Institution. It was now the custom for everyone who could command a few pounds, to have a banking account. With the facilities which existed on all hands, it was hard to realize that in the days of our grandfather—say, 150 to 160 years ago—the English banker was not known out of London, and savings banks had not been invented.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, I propose, with your permission to take the report and accounts as read. Dealing first with the balance sheet, I have to point out that our investments are practically the same as for the previous year, the differences being a slight increase in amount advanced on mortgage, some \$12,000, and a decrease of \$15,800 in our property investments. This decrease is due to the sale of a portion of the Godown property on Praya East formerly occupied by the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company. The balance of the original lot is in course of conversion into dwelling houses and the laying out of a new street from Queen's Road East to Praya East. This street will be acquired and paid for by the Government. This re-development of the property was, in the opinion of your directors, rendered necessary by the transfer of the godown business to other districts. Turning to profit and loss account you will observe that our net profits on the year's working are \$348,059.65 as against \$364,728.05 in 1907, a decrease of \$16,668.40 brought about by the additional repairs necessitated by the typhoon of July last. Rents for the whole year, notwithstanding the loss of \$12,000 which was incurred by the godown which I have referred to as in the course of conversion, are virtually the same as last year. In interest and charges accounts, the slight differences are, I am pleased to say, on the right side. If any further information is desired I shall be pleased to offer it, before formally moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

There were no questions and the report was adopted on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. MATTLAND.

Mr. MACHADO proposed, and Mr. SHELTEN seconded, the confirmation of the appointment of Hon. Mr. Gresson and Messrs. Gubbay and Bonnar as directors.

Carried.

On the motion of Mr. FOREST, seconded by Mr. MATTLAND, the re-election of Hon. Mr. MR. GRESSON and Mr. GUBBAY as directors was approved.

The auditor, Mr. J. Cox Edwards, was re-appointed on the motion of Mr. HO KOM TONG, seconded by Mr. LO CHEUNG SHUI.

The CHAIRMAN—Dividend warrants will be ready on application, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

## STEAMSHIP PASSAGE RATES.

The following extract from the speech of Sir Thomas Sutherland, Chairman of the P. & O. Company, at the last meeting of shareholders, deals with a subject of interest to many in East Asia this season of the year—

Now, as you are aware, there is a surtax of 10 per cent. on Passage rates which was imposed about a year ago by all the principal Lines in the Eastern trade on account of the great rise in Coal and ships' stores of nearly every kind. The question of removing this is ever before our eyes but in the present state of business I cannot hold out any immediate prospect of it being done. The temptation is perhaps rather the other way, namely, to incorporate the surtax in the ordinary passenger tariff, and at the same time to help our passengers who are not too well off, by a cheaper service than we can afford to give them by our mail steamers, and this, in fact, we are doing this very year. I have often replied to the criticism of certain Indian newspapers, and cheap passage association in India, by pointing out that, taking into account our second saloon fare and our return ticket system, the net amount we receive is vastly short of the ordinary first class tariff, and that calculations based on the latter are therefore purely fictitious. I have also explained that the Suez Canal dues in the case of Mail steamers are such that after allowing fully for those dues—in the matter of coal and cargo capacity, the residuum reflects about £3 per head on every passenger carried through the canal by our Mail steamers, a very heavy deduction from each passenger ticket, but my explanations on such points are, of course, ignored by any newspapers which might consider it good policy to be hostile to the Company, for have they not always before their eyes the terrible fact that this Company has paid for several years 15 per cent. on its deferred stock? But this agreement, situation, if I may call it so, is due to the fact that, as everyone knows, we took a favourable opportunity some years ago to reduce our capital to the lowest figure possible, and to raise capital by means of debentures at a very low rate of interest.

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The DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH ON WOMEN'S VALUE.

I have just received advance sheets of the *North American Review* containing the first of a series of papers on the position of woman by the Duchess of Marlborough, cables the New York correspondent of the *Times*.

On the question of the moral rights of man and woman, she says:—

"It is, in my opinion, the necessity to adjust herself to man, to be judged by his individual standard, and to conform her whole personality to his way of thinking, that has robbed woman of the power, strength, and influence she could have exerted as a united and independent majority."

"Why should women have a standard of right and wrong adjustable to moral sense of men to whom they may happen to belong by purchase as in earlier days?—by marriage as in modern times? How can any logical sequence in mind or action be expected of woman under such prevailing condition?"

If man is taught to regard woman only as subordinate to his comfort and pleasure, how she asks, can she rise to his higher flights?

"An idea has even been projected that if women gain the franchise England will become addicted to polygamy—woman being in the majority by million and a half, and every woman insisting on her right to a share of a husband."

"But the industrial value of woman in the upper and middle classes has so greatly decreased that it is to be feared that more than one wife will hardly meet with favour in the eyes of the man who has to dress, feed, and amuse her."

The *Calcutta Englishman* says:—We are informed that certain Mill Lancashire capitalists have decided to set up weaving and spinning mills in the Bombay Presidency.

It has been stated that Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Wingate has contemplated vacating, at a distant date, his present appointment as Sirar of the Egyptian Army, and that General Sir Archibald Hunter, who has just returned from a command in India, will in all probability succeed him. At the War Office nothing is known as to any intention on Sir Reginald's part to retire from the Egyptian Army. As for Sir Archibald Hunter being chosen to take his place in the event of his leaving Khartoum, there is little or no prospect of any such appointment being made, as there are other officers available, it is said, with stronger and more direct claims, which it would be impossible to set aside or ignore.

## BANK—CHARING CROSS.

"Bank!" said the conductor. "There was nothing to see. Was the man jesting?" "Bank!" said the conductor again. "Over there," he added, pointing a grim forefinger into the gloom. The effort with which he restrained himself in the presence of one who had seemed even momentarily to doubt a horse-bus conductor on the subject of the Bank was evidently superhuman.

And in truth, O! most potent conductor, it would seem as if thou couldst summon Banks from the vasty deep, for lo, there rises out of the night a ghostly mass and a vision in top-hat and gold braid appears, guarding what would seem the portal of some gloomy cavern. It is the Bank porter—at his accustomed post. Within the cavern strange mists are seen rolling turbidly, and a grey stream flows ceaselessly by the portal. Now and then shapes detach themselves from this stream, drift into the cavern, and are swallowed up. The Bank still stands

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THE HEADMASTER.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1909. [253]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on SATURDAY, 5th February, 1909, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 20th February (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [238]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE LIGHTNING," Captain A. E. Gentles, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 2nd Feb., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSEON & Co., Ltd. Agents.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1909. [243]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "NORE" FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out by Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd Febr., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Goods for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [1]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Action No. 200 of 1908.

Between THOMAS ALEXANDER MITCHELL a bankrupt Plaintiff, and JOHN LEMM. Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a WRIT OF FOREIGN ATTACHMENT returnable on the 6th day of February, 1909, against all the property movable and immovable of the above Defendant within the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Hongkong has been issued in this action pursuant to Section 453 of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure.

Dated the 20th day of January, 1909.

DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

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BROKE CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE CUP, 1909.

THE FIRST of the THREE RUNS in connection with the above trophy will take place on SUNDAY, January 31st, over a Course in Kowloon. Start at 3.30 P.M. from the Circular track. Entries by letter to the Undersigned or at the Post.

Entrance Fee \$1.

H. L. D. GARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1909. [218]

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

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## PUBLIC COMPANIES

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the GENERAL MANAGERS' OFFICE, Second floor, 9A, Des Vœux Road, THIS DAY (FRIDAY), the 29th January, 1909, at 2.30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1908.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd January to 29th January (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

For the Board of Directors,

A. F. ARCELLI.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1909. [199]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vœux Road, Central, on SATURDAY, 6th February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [238]

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SHEWAN TOME'S & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1909. [254]

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NOTICE.

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W. CHATHAM,

Water Authority.

Public Works Department. Hongkong, 27th January, 1909. [237]

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